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SOUTH DAKOTA GROWING OLDER?

South Dakota's population once again is growing older.

Following two decennial censuses in which the median age dropped, South Dakota's median age climbed once again--to 28.8 years in 1980.

South Dakota had been following a steady growth in its median age during the first half of the century, 1910-1950, until a decline in 1960 and again in 1970. The declines were probably due to the national post World War II baby boom.

The 1980 median age figure was the oldest figure reported for any decennial census in South Dakota.

In studying the 1980 decennial census several interesting notes were found:

The median age for females in South Dakota in 1980 was nearly two years higher than the median age for males. The female median age was 29.8 years while the male median age was 27.9 years. It was the second decennial census in a row in which females were older than males. From 1910-1950 males were older than females, and in 1960 the median ages were the same.

The number of South Dakotans over the age of 65 continued to grow. According to the Bureau of the Census statistics, there were 91,017 persons over the age of 65 in 1980 with 10,427 of those over the age of 85. Comparing that to 1930 when the total population of the state was 2,081 more than in 1980, only 36,915 persons were over the age of 65 and 1,403 over the age of 85.

The largest age grouping in South Dakota were 15-19 year olds who were born during the tail end of the baby boom, followed by 20-24 year olds. The 1980 census reports 68,641 persons in their late teens and 66,553 persons in their early twenties. These age groupings were also largest for both male and female.

The most populous age in South Dakota was 19. The census reports 101 persons, 30 male and 71 female, over the age of 100 in 1980.

For every age up to 36, except for 6-year olds and 19-year olds, males outnumbered females in South Dakota. However, after age 36 the trend reverses and females outnumber males in most of the ages. In fact after the age of 85 females outnumber males by more than a 2 to 1 margin. Overall there were more females (350,085) than males (340,683).

LABOR FORCE

South Dakota's unemployment rate rose to the highest rate ever recorded for the month of September.

After declining from 5.3 percent in June to 4.3 percent in August, the South Dakota unemployment rate rose to 4.6 percent in September. The jobless rate figure was higher than the year-ago rate of 4.2 percent but still well below the nationally seasonally adjusted average of 10.1 percent.

September's total unemployment of 15,200 was up from the 14,300 recorded unemployed a year ago and the 8,900 recorded unemployed just three years ago. Meanwhile, total employment, following a national trend, declined to 313,000.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

Seasonal increases in educational services caused nonfarm payroll employment to increase to 233,100 in September from 230,700 in August. State college employment was up 1,300 from August to September while local education and private education employment were up 4,200 and 700, respectively.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (CONTINUED)

Compared with one year ago, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment was down 6,600 or 2.8 percent. That drop, however, includes the approximately 1,300 Homestake miners who still had been on strike in September. The miners, who went back to work in late September, will once again be counted as employed in October.

The only major industry division with an increase in employment over the past year was finance/insurance/real estate. Citibank's expansion in South Dakota may be the reason for the growth in that division. On the other side of the coin, construction continued to be the most adversely affected industry, its employment dropping to 9,400 in September from 11,600 one year ago.

There were also 1,000 fewer jobs in the manufacturing industry as employment fell from last year to 24,900. Most of the decrease in the manufacturing sector was centered in fabricated metals and machinery manufacturing.

Trade employment was down 3% from last year while services, government and transportation/utilities changed little from last year.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

The average manufacturing production worker in South Dakota dipped below the 40 hour work week during September. The average manufacturing production worker put in 38.2 hours a week in September, down from the 42.2 hours a week in August and the 41.6 hours a week one year ago. In addition, the average hourly earnings also dropped in comparison. The average manufacturing production worker earned $7.16 an hour in September 1982, $7.61 and hour in August 1982 and $7.30 an hour in September 1981. The average gross weekly earnings were $273.51, down from both August and one year ago.

SIOUX FALLS SMSA

The Sioux Falls unemployment rate rose in September from August but stayed below the year ago figure.

The 2,602 unemployed in Sioux Falls pushed the September jobless rate to 4.2 percent, up from August's 3.7 percent but below the year ago rate of 4.8 percent.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment was up from August and one year ago, however, total employment was down. Total employment stood at 58,826 in September, down from 59,887 in August and 59,955 one year ago. Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose, though, to 54,200 from 53,600 in August and 54,100 one year ago.

The nonmanufacturing industries registered the increases in nonagricultural wage and salary employment. Construction and mining was up 100 from last month and 400 from a year ago; transportation/utilities was up 100 from a year ago but even with the previous month; and finance/insurance/real estate and services were both up 100 from last month and the year ago figure. Conversely, trade was down from both last month and one year ago.

Manufacturing declined slightly in Sioux Falls. The industry was down to 7,200 in September. Last month the employment figure was 7,400 and one year ago was 7,300. The decline was concentrated in the manufacturing of food and kindred products.

The average manufacturing production worker put in 36.9 hours during the midweek of September at an hourly wage of $8.67. Both figures were well down from comparing months. Average figures for last month were 48.4 hours at $9.47 per hour and for September 1981 were 44.5 hours at $9.48 per hour. Average gross weekly wages were $319.92 in September 1981, $458.35 in August 1982 and $421.86 in September, 1981. It must be noted that Morrell employees had just returned to work, following a strike during the reference period and so the plant had not been running at full capacity, this would be reflected in the hour and earnings figures as well as in the employment figure for the manufacturing of food and kindred products.

SOUTH DAKOTA POPULATION
AGE DISTRIBUTION*

AGE	1980	1970	1960	1950	1940	1930
Total	690,768	666,257	680,514	652,740	642,961	692,849
Median	28.8	27.4	27.7	28.6	27.4	24.4
0-4 Years	58,446	54,258	83,127	76,713	57,863	71,324
5-9 Years	52,871	68,635	77,911	60,572	58,531	77,961
10-14 Years	54,400	74,505	67,444	53,090	62,035	75,392
15-19 Years	68,641	69,989	52,065	51,179	64,716	69,609
20-24 Years	66,553	48,646	39,165	49,961	54,868	59,584
25-29 Years	56,868	35,367	37,823	48,937	48,464	50,745
30-34 Years	45,959	31,705	40,578	45,014	43,598	48,122
35-39 Years	35,251	32,959	40,842	42,142	41,476	48,278
40-44 Years	31,181	35,862	39,414	38,495	39,751	44,205
45-49 Years	31,399	36,295	36,883	36,033	39,161	37,499
50-54 Years	33,569	35,141	33,701	34,864	36,059	30,289
55-59 Years	33,567	32,405	31,220	32,112	29,227	23,648
60-64 Years	31,044	29,256	28,828	28,332	22,772	18,902
65-69 Years	27,640	25,208	26,091	22,239	17,668	15,211
70-74 Years	22,875	21,629	21,020	15,333	12,358	11,058
75-79 Years	17,699	16,440	13,443	14,799	14,414	6,294
80-84 Years	12,378	10,498	6,912	(1)	(1)	2,949
85 and Over	10,427	6,709	4,047	2,925	(1)	1,403
Not Reported		750				376

*Source: Table 20. General Population Characteristics-South Dakota. PC80-1-B43 1980 Census of Population Report on South Dakota. U.S. Department of Commerce. Bureau of the Census.

(1) Included in the preceding category.

TABLE 1

LABOR FORCE / EMPLOYMENT / UNEMPLOYMENT

	September 1982				September 1981			
	Labor Force[1]	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force[1]	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
United States	110,546,000	99,851,000	10,695,000	9.7[2]	108,273,000	100,389,000	7,884,000	7.3[2]
South Dakota	328,470	313,300	15,170	4.6	340,632	326,343	14,289	4.2
Sioux Falls SMSA	61,428	58,826	2,602	4.2	62,964	59,955	3,009	4.8
Aurora	1,627	1,478	149	9.2	1,705	1,637	68	4.0
Beadle	9,867	9,500	367	3.7	10,230	9,856	374	3.7
Bennett	1,215	1,186	29	2.4	1,305	1,256	49	3.8
Bon Homme	3,553	3,465	88	2.5	3,911	3,833	78	2.0
Brookings	14,560	13,629	931	6.4	14,544	13,825	719	4.9
Brown	19,075	18,852	1,023	5.1	19,261	18,581	680	3.5
Brule	2,851	2,758	93	3.3	3,060	2,972	88	2.9
Buffalo	511	408	103	20.2	555	491	64	11.5
Butte	3,837	3,637	200	5.2	4,134	4,006	128	3.1
Campbell	904	868	36	4.0	912	896	16	1.8
Charles Mix	3,843	3,665	178	4.6	4,236	3,982	254	6.0
Clark	1,981	1,934	47	2.4	2,293	2,266	27	1.2
Clay	5,928	5,612	316	5.3	6,168	5,798	370	6.0
Codington	10,301	9,512	789	7.7	10,024	9,538	486	4.8
Corson	1,294	1,174	120	9.3	1,603	1,436	167	10.4
Custer	2,715	2,613	102	3.8	2,415	2,349	66	2.7
Davison	9,460	9,152	308	3.3	9,743	9,397	346	3.6
Day	3,039	2,890	149	4.9	3,319	3,207	112	3.4
Deuel	2,442	2,371	71	2.9	2,370	2,313	57	2.4
Dewey	1,757	1,573	184	10.5	2,217	1,950	267	12.0
Douglas	1,779	1,721	58	3.3	2,043	1,986	57	2.8
Edmunds	2,065	1,962	103	5.0	2,151	2,072	79	3.7
Fall River	2,926	2,792	134	4.6	3,515	3,379	136	3.9
Faulk	1,449	1,405	44	3.0	1,452	1,427	25	1.7
Grant	4,184	4,008	176	4.2	4,526	4,407	119	2.6
Gregory	2,607	2,551	56	2.1	2,668	2,610	58	2.2
Haakon	1,504	1,420	84	5.6	1,473	1,458	15	1.0
Hamlin	2,151	2,052	99	4.6	2,430	2,387	43	1.8
Hand	2,030	2,003	27	1.3	2,247	2,199	48	2.1
Hanson	1,128	1,087	41	3.6	1,222	1,167	55	4.5

1 Labor Force estimates include employed and unemployed civilians 16 years old and older by place of residence.

2 The seasonally adjusted rates which were announced by the national government were 10.1 and 7.6. The data in this table are not seasonally adjusted.

* Data in this table revised to March 1981 benchmark.

TABLE 1 (Continued)

LABOR FORCE / EMPLOYMENT / UNEMPLOYMENT

	September 1982				September 1981*			
	Labor Force[1]	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force[1]	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Harding	669	658	11	1.6	716	711	5	0.7
Hughes	7,274	7,030	244	3.4	7,873	7,594	279	3.5
Hutchinson	4,165	4,075	90	2.2	4,402	4,305	97	2.2
Hyde	751	737	14	1.9	895	856	39	4.4
Jackson	1,143	1,088	55	4.8	1,084	1,025	59	5.4
Jerauld	1,223	1,206	17	1.4	1,305	1,291	14	1.1
Jones	650	644	6	0.9	695	680	15	2.2
Kingsbury	3,434	3,335	99	2.9	3,745	3,710	35	0.9
Lake	5,136	4,869	267	5.2	5,399	5,231	168	3.1
Lawrence	9,714	9,040	674	6.9	9,120	8,681	439	4.8
Lincoln	6,115	5,863	252	4.1	6,913	6,692	221	3.2
Lyman	1,423	1,367	56	3.9	1,492	1,417	75	5.0
McCook	2,919	2,819	100	3.4	2,642	2,538	104	3.9
McPherson	1,571	1,536	35	2.2	1,791	1,744	47	2.6
Marshall	2,076	1,929	147	7.1	2,131	2,055	76	3.6
Meade	5,956	5,693	263	4.4	5,992	5,757	235	3.9
Mellette	735	689	46	6.3	769	732	37	4.8
Miner	1,640	1,593	47	2.9	1,836	1,793	43	2.3
Minnehaha	61,428	58,826	2,602	4.2	62,964	59,955	3,009	4.8
Moody	3,551	3,467	84	2.4	3,611	3,520	91	2.5
Pennington	36,921	35,131	1,790	4.8	37,147	35,353	1,794	4.8
Perkins	2,158	2,111	47	2.2	2,327	2,288	39	1.7
Potter	1,812	1,759	53	2.9	2,057	2,015	42	2.0
Roberts	4,104	3,882	222	5.4	4,595	4,380	215	4.7
Sanborn	1,387	1,337	50	3.6	1,390	1,343	47	3.4
Shannon	2,626	2,251	375	14.3	3,042	2,564	478	15.7
Spink	3,809	3,718	91	2.4	3,885	3,847	38	1.0
Stanley	1,044	1,011	33	3.2	1,250	1,218	32	2.6
Sully	682	662	20	2.9	791	750	41	5.2
Todd	2,052	1,791	261	12.7	2,277	1,945	332	14.6
Tripp	3,060	3,004	56	1.8	3,257	3,182	75	2.3
Turner	3,945	3,837	108	2.7	4,550	4,424	126	2.8
Union	6,852	6,545	307	4.5	6,590	6,411	179	2.7
Walworth	3,049	2,896	153	5.0	3,294	3,105	189	5.7
Yankton	9,014	8,703	311	3.5	9,921	9,521	400	4.0
Ziebach	999	919	80	8.0	1,149	1,032	117	10.2

[1] Labor Force estimates include employed and unemployed civilians 16 years old and older by place of residence.

* Data in this table revised to March 1981 benchmark.

TABLE 2

SOUTH DAKOTA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT*
(in thousands)

	Sep. 1982	Aug. 1982	Sep. 1981	Percent Change From Last Month	Percent Change From Last Year
Total Nonagricultural	233.1	230.7	239.7	1.0	-2.8
Manufacturing	24.9	25.3	25.9	-1.6	-3.9
Durable Goods	12.2	12.5	13.1	-2.4	-6.9
Lumber & Furniture	1.1	1.1	1.3	0.0	-15.4
Fabricated Metals & Machinery	7.5	7.8	8.4	-3.8	-10.7
Other Durable Goods	3.6	3.6	3.4	0.0	5.9
Nondurable Goods	12.7	12.8	12.8	-0.8	-0.8
Food & Kindred Products	7.8	8.0	7.7	-2.5	1.3
Paper, Printing & Publishing	2.4	2.4	2.5	0.0	-4.0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.5	2.4	2.6	4.2	-3.8
Nonmanufacturing	208.2	205.4	213.8	1.4	-2.6
Mining	1.5	1.6	3.0	-6.2	-50.0
Construction	9.4	9.5	11.6	-1.1	-19.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	12.8	12.5	12.8	2.4	0.0
Railroads	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.0	-20.0
Other Transportation	6.0	5.7	6.0	5.3	0.0
Communications & Public Utilities	6.0	6.0	5.8	0.0	3.4
Trade	63.6	64.3	65.6	-1.1	-3.0
Wholesale Trade	16.9	17.3	16.9	-2.3	0.0
Durable Goods	7.6	7.8	7.8	-2.6	-2.6
Nondurable Goods	9.3	9.5	9.1	-2.1	2.2
Retail Trade	46.7	47.0	48.7	-0.6	-4.1
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	11.7	11.8	11.4	-0.8	2.6
Services	52.5	52.9	52.7	-0.8	-0.4
Hotels, Amuse., Pers. & Business	14.6	15.3	14.3	-4.6	2.1
Medical and Health	21.0	21.3	21.2	-1.4	-0.9
Educational, Membership & Social	14.2	13.5	14.4	5.2	-1.4
Other	2.7	2.8	2.8	-3.6	-3.6
Government	56.7	52.8	56.7	7.5	0.0
Federal	10.7	10.6	10.6	0.9	0.9
State	15.3	14.2	15.4	7.0	-0.6
State Education	7.3	6.0	7.4	21.7	-1.4
Other State	8.0	8.3	8.0	-3.6	0.0
Local	30.7	27.9	30.7	10.0	0.0
Local Education	17.0	12.8	17.1	32.8	-0.6
Other Local	13.7	15.1	13.6	-9.3	0.7

SIOUX FALLS SMSA (MINNEHAHA COUNTY) NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT*

	Sep. 1982	Aug. 1982	Sept. 1981	Percent Change From Last Month	Percent Change From Last Year
Total Nonagricultural	54.2	53.6	54.1	1.1	0.2
Manufacturing	7.2	7.4	7.3	-2.7	-1.4
Durable Goods	2.1	2.1	1.9	0.0	10.5
Nondurable Goods	5.1	5.3	5.4	-3.8	-5.6
Food & Kindred Products	4.0	4.2	4.2	-4.8	-4.8
Nonmanufacturing	47.0	46.2	46.8	1.7	0.4
Construction and Mining	2.9	2.8	2.5	3.6	16.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	4.5	4.5	4.4	0.0	2.3
Trade	15.4	15.6	15.9	-1.3	-3.1
Wholesale Trade	4.6	4.7	4.9	-2.1	-6.1
Retail Trade	10.8	10.9	11.0	-0.9	-1.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	3.6	3.5	3.5	2.9	2.9
Services	14.0	13.9	13.9	0.7	0.7
Government	6.6	5.9	6.6	11.9	0.0

*This category includes full and part-time workers on the payrolls of nonagricultural establishments for the week including the 12th of the month.

TABLE 3

HOURS AND EARNINGS PRODUCTION WORKERS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	1982	1982	1981	1982	1982	1981	1982	1982	1981
South Dakota Statewide									
Manufacturing	273.51	321.14	303.68	38.2	42.2	41.6	7.16	7.61	7.30
Durable Goods	266.11	278.36	271.74	39.6	40.4	42.0	6.72	6.89	6.47
Lumber & Furniture	269.61	263.76	281.44	43.0	41.8	38.5	6.27	6.31	7.31
Fabricated Metals & Mach	247.67	248.42	271.78	37.3	37.3	42.4	6.64	6.66	6.41
Nondurable Goods	281.57	363.44	335.78	37.0	44.0	41.2	7.61	8.26	8.15
Food & Kindred Products	301.08	420.44	401.74	35.8	45.7	42.2	8.41	9.20	9.52
Paper, Printing & Publishing	257.52	260.63	241.82	34.8	35.9	36.2	7.40	7.26	6.68
Sioux Falls SMSA									
Manufacturing	319.92	458.35	421.86	36.9	48.4	44.5	8.67	9.47	9.48
Durable Goods	302.43	303.05	287.82	41.6	41.8	41.0	7.27	7.25	7.02
Nondurable Goods	323.46	493.51	445.59	35.9	49.9	45.1	9.01	9.89	9.88

*Average hours and earnings data are derived from reports of payrolls and hours for production and related workers.

TABLE 4

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

	Aug. 1982	July 1982	Aug. 1981	Percent Change From Last Month	Percent Change From Last Year
1967=100					
All Items	292.8	292.2	276.5	0.2	5.9
Food & Beverages	279.9	280.8	270.1	-0.3	3.6
Housing	320.1	319.2	299.7	0.3	6.8
Apparel	191.8	189.7	187.4	1.1	2.3
Transportation	296.2	296.1	283.7	0.0	4.4
Medical Care	333.3	330.0	299.3	1.0	11.4
Entertainment	237.4	236.6	222.3	0.3	6.8

TABLE 5
CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED - STATEWIDE

	Number			Percent		
	Sept. 1982	Aug. 1982	Sept. 1981	Sept. 1982	Aug. 1982	Sept. 1981
Sex, Total	3,918	4,112	2,389	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	2,432	2,187	1,447	62.1	53.2	60.6
Female	1,486	1,925	942	37.9	46.8	39.4
Race, Total	3,918	4,112	2,389	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	3,122	3,147	1,792	79.7	76.5	75.0
Nonwhite	796	965	597	20.3	23.5	25.0
Age, Total	3,918	4,112	2,389	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 45	3,024	3,119	1,782	77.2	75.9	74.6
Over 45	894	993	607	22.8	24.1	25.4
Industry, Total	3,918	4,112	2,389	100.0	100.0	100.0
Mining	472	189	13	12.1	4.6	0.5
Construction	404	392	426	10.3	9.5	17.8
Manufacturing	1,203	1,146	486	30.7	27.9	20.4
Transportation & Public Utilities	156	157	100	4.0	3.8	4.2
Trade	718	889	534	18.3	21.6	22.4
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	81	71	57	2.1	1.7	2.4
Services	694	985	569	17.7	24.0	23.8
Government	190	283	204	4.8	6.9	8.5
Occupation, Total	3,918	4,112	2,389	100.0	100.0	100.0
Professional & Managerial	580	684	382	14.8	16.6	16.0
Clerical and Sales	652	794	527	16.6	19.3	22.1
Services	415	603	302	10.6	14.7	12.6
Processing	167	215	81	4.3	5.2	3.4
Machine Trade	363	254	170	9.3	6.2	7.1
Benchwork	529	479	142	13.5	11.6	5.9
Structural Work	656	624	554	16.7	15.2	23.2
Other	556	459	231	14.2	11.2	9.7
Duration of Current Spell of Unemployment						
Total	3,918	4,112	2,389	100.0	100.0	100.0
1-2 Weeks	575	677	386	14.7	16.5	16.2
3-4 Weeks	538	495	288	13.7	12.0	12.1
5-14 Weeks	1,874	2,004	1,038	47.8	48.7	43.4
15 Weeks & Over	931	936	677	23.8	22.8	28.3

TABLE 6
SELECTED LABOR DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES - STATEWIDE

	Sep. 1982	Aug. 1982	Sep. 1981	Percent Change From Last Month	Percent Change From Last Year
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE					
State Program					
Initial Claims Monthly Total	2,005	2,188	1,516	-8.4	32.3
Weeks Claimed Monthly Total	20,252	16,121	9,486	25.6	113.5
Initial Claims October 1 to Date	39,485	36,280	31,376	--	25.8
Weeks Claimed October 1 to Date	241,533	215,657	224,361	--	7.7
Amount of Benefit Payments	$1,742,380	$1,430,614	$763,973	21.8	128.1
Average Weekly Benefit Amount	$117.92	$105.81	$102.31	11.4	15.3
Benefit Payments October 1 to Date	$20,352,411	$18,610,031	$18,598,006	9.4	9.4
Unemployment Trust Fund (In ooo's)	$8,772.1	$10,331.8	$10,331.1	-15.1	-15.1
Federal Program					
Initial Claims October 1 to Date	1,265	1,176	1,697	--	-25.5
Weeks Claimed October 1 to Date	5,048	4,864	10,080	--	-49.9
Benefit Payments October 1 to Date	$642,023	$611,003	$1,116,937	--	-42.5